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[0001] The SAN filer 520 and the SAN filer 540 are coupled to the CAN 530. Only three SAN filers 520, 540 ~~530~~, and 550 are shown for the sake of simplicity in FIG. 5. In various embodiments, there may be one or more SAN filers 520, 540, and 550 that are coupled to the CAN 530. The SAN filer 520 includes an embedded sub-system (ESS) 522 and a host sub-system (HSS) 524. The SAN filer 540 includes an ESS 542 and an HSS 544. The configuration and operations of the ESSs 522 and 542 and the HSSs 524 and 544 are described in further detail below.